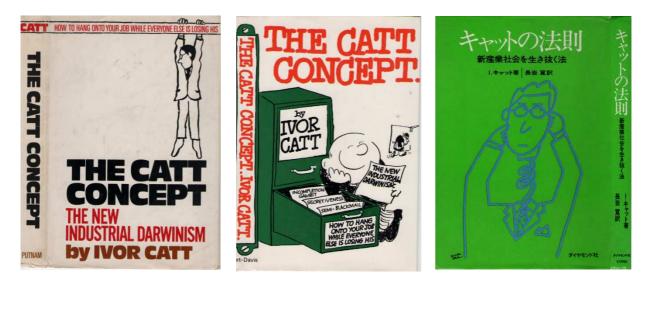
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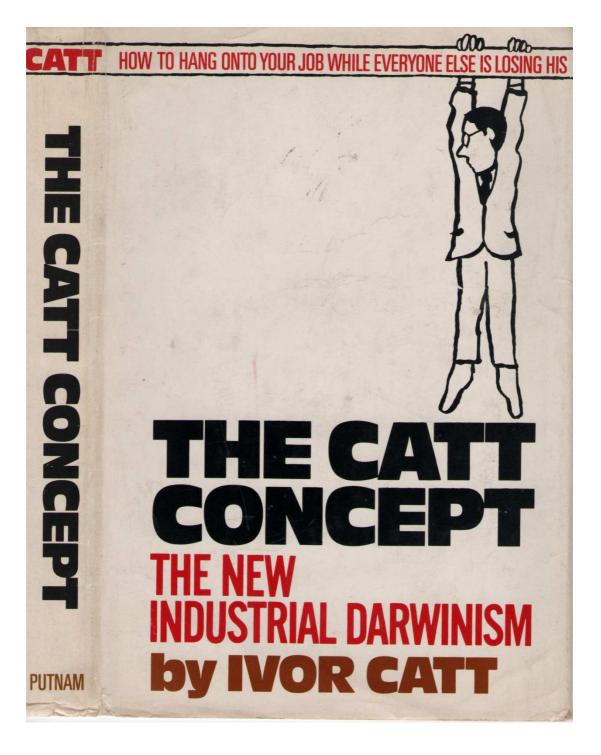
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Ivor CATT was born in Plymouth, England, where his father was then stationed in the RAF. As transfer followed transfer, young Ivor moved accordingly, prompting him to observe that throughout his life he has never been anywhere more than three and a half years. When his father was captured by the Japanese in Java, he and his mother and sister escaped on one of the last four boats to leave Singapore in 1942.

After graduating from Cambridge, Catt went to work in computer hardware design in Manchester, England. In 1962 he and his family emigrated to the United States, and so began the lurid adventures described in this book. With successive hirings and firings the Catts bought and sold homes in Baldwin Hills, Los Angeles; Phoenix, Arizona; and Westport, Connecticut. Finally they returned to England, where they now live quietly in an old house in a village near St. Albans. \$5.95

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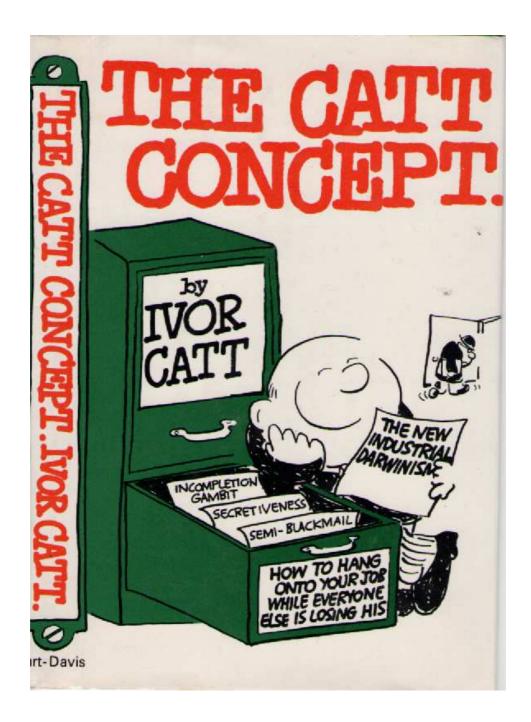
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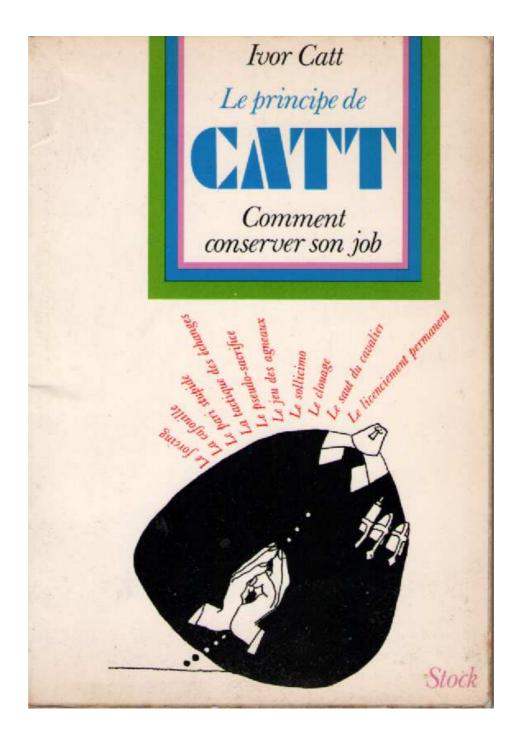
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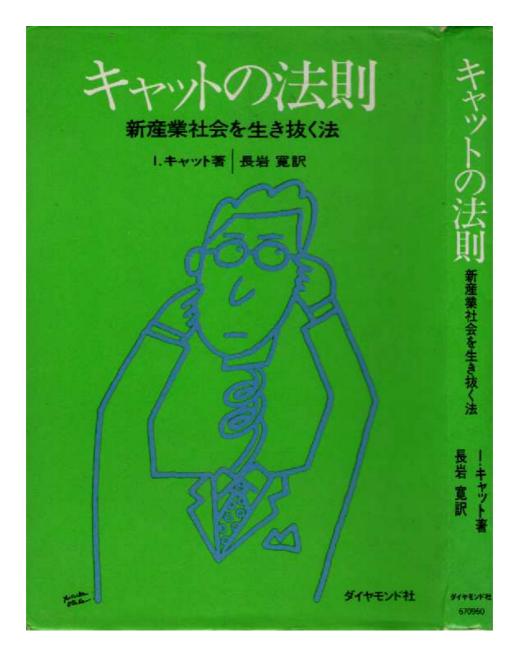
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